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Dear Sirs -

This letter is being written in objection to the proposed reroute / or use of the alternate route published recently for the CapX2020 project. As it understood, the reroute of the CapX2020 Brooking to Hampton line will bring the 200 foot towers within 1/2 mile barrier of Sky Harbor Airport (1MN8) located in Webster MN. This private/public airport houses over 70 registered aircraft and operates as one of Minnesota largest in terms of aircraft on field aircraft.

The proposed alternate route places these towers Directly into the Published Airport Traffic Pattern of the states largest residential airport. We as aviators recognize this as both a significant and unacceptable risk to lives by placing these lines in such close proximity to operating aircraft such as Ultra lights, Hot Air Balloons, Light Singles, and other low performance aircraft.

Additionally, it should be noted that per both FAA and Minnesota Regulations, any such development within a the navigable airspace as presented in Federal Aviation Regulations, 14 CFR Part 77 would and does require federal review and review of the existing state and local airspace regulations. As listed in FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5190-4A, Model Zoning Ordinance to Limit Height of Objects Around Airports I believe that the proposed alternate rerouting has not addressed these critical safety issues to navigable airspace around 1MN8, Minnesota Sky Harbor Airport.

It is the purpose of this letter to convey both the danger and the hazard to navigation that these towers would impose upon one of the states largest aircraft bases. On a personal basis, I do not believe this to be in Webster, MN, Rice County, or it's residence best interest and would like to add my official objection to this project.

Respectfully Submitted



Sky Harbor Airport
Webster, MN 55088

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This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded your comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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